

A motion was filed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2001. **Page S8334**

Motion to Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, by 60 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Australia.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

20 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S8321**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—259) **Pages S8315–17, S8321–22, S8327, S8333–34**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8369.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, July 13, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman (Chairman), Cleland, Akaka, Bill Nelson, Benjamin Nelson, Carnahan, Dayton, Santorum (Ranking Member), Inhofe, Roberts, Hutchinson, Sessions, and Bunning.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Bill Nelson, Carnahan, Dayton, Bingaman, Roberts (Ranking Member), Bob Smith,

Santorum, Allard, Hutchinson, Collins, and Bunning.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Cleland (Chairman), Kennedy, Reed, Akaka, Benjamin Nelson, Carnahan, Hutchinson (Ranking Member), Thurmond, McCain, Allard, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Cleland, Landrieu, Benjamin Nelson, Dayton, Bingaman, Inhofe (Ranking Member), Thurmond, McCain, Santorum, Roberts, and Bunning.

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, Reed, Carnahan, Sessions (Ranking Member), McCain, Bob Smith, Collins, and Bunning.

Subcommittee on Strategic: Senators Reed (Chairman), Byrd, Akaka, Bill Nelson, Benjamin Nelson, Bingaman, Allard (Ranking Member), Thurmond, Bob Smith, Inhofe, and Sessions.

PREDATORY MORTGAGE PRACTICES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, after receiving testimony from Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Judith A. Kennedy, National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders, David Berenbaum, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, George J. Wallace, American Financial Services Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Esther Canja, Port Charlotte, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; John A. Courson, Central Pacific Mortgage Company, Folsom, California, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America; Irv Ackelsberg, Community Legal Services, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Consumer Law Center; Neill A. Fendly, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, McLean, Virginia; Lee Williams, Aviation Associates Credit Union, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association, Inc.; and Mike Shea, ACORN Housing Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri.

GUAM RESTITUTION AND TAXES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 308, to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission, and H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax, after receiving testimony from Guam Delegate Underwood; Christopher Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and International Affairs; Hannah Gutierrez, Office of the Governor of Guam, and Thomas P. Michels, Bank of Hawaii, on behalf of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, both of Hagatna; and Ben G. Blaz, Fairfax, Virginia, former Delegate from Guam.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Theresa

Alvillar-Speake, of California, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize, Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania, Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden, Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Korea, Marie T. Huhtala, of California, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Australia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4, 2666–2671; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59, H. Con. Res. 202–203, and H. Res. 212, were introduced. **Pages H4779–80**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2505, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning, amended (H. Rept. 107–170). **Page H4779**

Further Consideration of VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002, that no amendment may be offered except pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–164; amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 5, 7, 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 30, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 46; two amendments by Representative Frank and one amendment by Representative Traficant placed at the desk; one en bloc amendment by Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas consisting of amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 31, 33, 34, and 35. Except as specified, the amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes each. Amendments numbered 6, 12, 24, 39, and 42 each debatable for 20 minutes; amendments numbered 5 and 37 and one amendment by Representative Frank each debatable for 30 minutes; amendment numbered 46 debatable for 40 minutes. All points of order are waived against the amendment numbered 25, and the amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–164 may amend portions of the bill not yet read. **Pages H4751–52**

VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration will resume on Monday, July 30. **Pages H4727–60**

Agreed To:

Bonior amendment No. 45 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that prohibits funding to delay the national primary drinking water regulation for Arsenic published on January 22, 2001 in the Federal Register or to propose or finalize a rule to increase the levels of arsenic in drinking water permitted under that regulation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 288). **Pages H4743–51, H4758–59**

Rejected:

Frank amendment that sought to strike the \$200 million targeted for the Downpayment Assistance Initiative from the HOME investment partnerships program (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H4727–30, H4757**

Kaptur amendment No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that sought to restore funding of \$175 million for the Public Housing Drug Elimination program with offsets from the funding targeted for the Downpayment Assistance Initiative from the HOME investment partnerships program (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 287); and **Pages H4730–42, H4757–58**

Menendez amendment No. 46 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that sought to increase EPA funding by \$25 million for 270 enforcement